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SENATOR BROWN: Madam President, members, more than anything, I guess I'm concerned that as we move forward, that we move forward in a way that we can sustain. Maybe that's my word for the year. But I was just talking to Senator Wehrbein. We were going over the history of how we got to where we are. And I was a part of the group that did some of the original legislation. And we were putting in 1 cent plus additional General Fund money to fund the program. With LB 536, I think was the number, we reduced the amount of checkoff from 1 cent to .5 cent, and significantly reduced the General Fund contribution, and then were surprised that we have a system that is underfunded. We are going to need to make a decision about whether we believe that this is something that is worth it. And I have supported ethanol because I do think that it is a significant piece of what we do to make our economy as a state, as a whole, better. But I guess I would have to take some exception to what Senator Schrock said, because I...and maybe there's somebody that can answer this question. But I believe that every one of the ethanol plants is also accessing LB 775. Is there...Senator Wehrbein, are you knowledgeable about which ones of the ethanol plants access LB 775?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Wehrbein, would you respond?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think I am. I think all...my understanding is, all but Plainview have used LB 775.

SENATOR BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That is subject to correction, but that's my understanding.

SENATOR BROWN: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And I think KAAPA has not used it yet either.

SENATOR BROWN: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But the others have. Well, obviously, Cargill, Minnesota Corn have, Hastings has. But I understand Plainview did not. And I think...I thought KAAPA had. But they